

## PENFIELD MAY ASK FOR PASSPORTS AT ONCE

## AUSTRIA'S NOTE GOES BEFORE THE CABINET FOR A CAREFUL STUDY

Answer is Regarded by French as a Barely Disguised Refusal.

NOTE IS VERY LENGTHY

Dismissal of Austrian Charge at Washington at Once Seems Probable.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Austria's reply to the Ancona note was received at the state department during the night and early today was being decoded to be laid before President Wilson and Secretary Lansing.

A despatch from Ambassador Penfield evidently delayed in transmission was received just ahead of the note. It said the reply had been delivered to him by the Vienna foreign office Wednesday at noon, and that he had immediately forwarded it to Washington.

The note as received here is about 1,000 words long. The translators were put to work at once to have the text ready in time for Secretary Lansing to take to the cabinet meeting at 11 o'clock.

After the cabinet had discussed the Austrian reply for more than an hour the meeting broke up and all the members uniformly refused to discuss the subject. It was plain, however, that the gravity of the situation was unabated.

Secretary Lansing let it be known that the state department would not publish the text until it had been thoroughly studied, and there was no indication of when it might be expected to be given out.

## FRENCH NOW EXPECT

## RECALL OF PENFIELD

PARIS, Dec. 17.—"We shall be very much astonished if the American government does not reply to the Austrian government by simply instructing Ambassador Penfield to ask for his passports and by handing his passports to the Austrian charge at Washington," says the Figaro. "Austria's reply is a barely disguised refusal."

"The only satisfaction Austria gives the United States is that it does not keep the United States waiting for it. President Wilson's longanimity has its limit and the dismissal of the Austrian charge at Washington and the recall of Ambassador Penfield will show this is not a question of a fit of energy but a carefully thought out resolution."

## BULGARIANS CAPTURE FRENCH MACHINE GUNS

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The Saloniki correspondent of the Havas agency sends the following under date of December 15:

"In the course of the fighting during the Franco-Bulgarian retreat from Gieglé the Bulgarians captured two French machine guns and two batteries of British artillery, as well as 200 British prisoners."

## ITALIANS ARE STARTING BIG OPERATIONS NOW

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The Milan correspondent of the Journal says it is estimated there are 30,000 Italian troops at Avlona, Albania.

While the Avlona position is hardly favorable for an offensive movement he says the expedition may be regarded as the starting point of operations on a large scale.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Pearl L. Elder and Nellie M. Wilson and Thomas S. Burke and Fay M. Stahlman.

## STRIKES MINE

On the English Coast and Relief Ship is Now in Sinking Condition.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Belgian relief committee's steamer Levenpool, from New York to Rotterdam, has been beached on the English coast in a sinking condition as a result of striking a mine.

The Levenpool, a British steamer 276 feet long, was built in 1911 and is owned in West Hartlepool. It sailed from New York November 24, arrived at Falmouth on December 11 and was to proceed thence to Rotterdam.

## SHIP CARRIES MIXED CARGO OF FOODSTUFFS

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The relief steamer Levenpool, which struck a mine in the English channel, carried a mixed cargo of foodstuffs for the Belgians valued at \$1,400,000. It is fully insured.

## NEW OFFICERS OF SHRINERS ARE ELECTED

Local Mason is at the Head of the Temple as Illustrious Potentate.

Nemesis Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Knights of the Mystic Shrine, at the annual meeting last night at Parkersburg, elected and installed officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

Illustrious Potentate—A. M. T. Cunningham, Clarksburg.  
Chief Rabbi—D. E. Thomeen, Sistersville.  
Assistant Rabbi—Birk S. Stathers, Weston.  
High Priest and Prophet—T. R. Cowell, city.  
Oriental Guide—William A. Carpenter, Salem.  
Treasurer—James A. Wetherall, Parkersburg.  
Recorder—James A. Bryan, Parkersburg.  
First Ceremonial Master—Bert Bradford, Pennsboro.  
Director—Charles H. Griffin, Clarksburg.  
Marshal—Edward R. Patton, Parkersburg.  
Captain of Guard—J. F. Waller, Parkersburg.  
Outer Guard—J. C. Phelps, Parkersburg.  
Chief Alchemist—William Nussbaum, Clarksburg.  
Assistant Alchemist—Job Biddle, Parkersburg.  
Assistant Alchemist—L. K. Richards, Clarksburg.

## PROGRESSIVE

Firm is the Chicago Dairy as It is Always Ahead in Good Things to Eat.

The Chicago Dairy, always ahead in good things to eat, has again demonstrated it is a live wire by importing its olives from Spain.

Olives are originally packed right in the orchard in casks holding near 200 gallons, and are usually repacked in New York in smaller packages for the convenience of the small dealer. The olives lose part of the natural flavor in repacking and to avoid this the above named firm has imported an original cask, which holds 185 gallons and weighs 1,800 pounds. The cask is so large it would hardly enter the doors of the store.

Another feature of interest to the public is that by purchasing olives abroad it lowers the price twenty-five per cent and enables the consumer to buy olives at fifteen cent a pint, which is about the regular wholesale price.

## FEDERAL COURT TERM IS ENDED

Petition to Put Hotel Company in Bankruptcy is Dismissed.

The special term of United States district court that has been going on here for several days was adjourned late Friday afternoon by Judge A. G. Dayton.

E. Bryan Templeman, counsel for John T. Hopkins, asked for a jury to hear testimony at a later date regarding a petition in bankruptcy filed by William Duke against the co-partnership of Duke and Company, oil and gas well drillers of Clarksburg. Mr. Hopkins, who is a member of the firm, opposes the petition. Liabilities of the firm are listed at \$20,769.13 and the assets at \$18,381 in the petition filed by Mr. Duke.

Following testimony and arguments on the petition in involuntary bankruptcy proceedings by T. D. Gorbey and others against the Brass Hotel Company, of New Martinsville, the petition was dismissed. It was shown that the property of the company was largely in excess of its debts.

## GOING TO CAMP.

MARSHALLS, France, Dec. 17.—Seven hundred and fifty Bulgarian, German and Austro-Hungarian officers taken prisoner by the Serbs and 40,000 soldiers captured in Serbia arrived here during the night on their way to a concentration camp.

## WELL NOT TURNED IN.

Albert Carter, a farmer, stated Thursday morning that the Clarksburg Light and Heat Company had two gas wells on his farm on Davidson's run, one of which was in use, while the better one had not been turned into the line.

The state inspectors will confer with Mr. Carter.

## REGRET

Is Expressed by the French Press over Withdrawal of General John French.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The employment of General Sir Douglas Haig as British commander-in-chief in place of Field Marshal Sir John French was entirely unexpected in France. The press is unanimous in expression of regrets at the departure of Field Marshal French and lays particular emphasis on his services during the trying times of the opening period of the war.

The newspapers express satisfaction that Field Marshal French is succeeded by one of his most apt pupils whose proverbial good luck is mentioned with the hope that it may prove to be a favorable omen.

"General Haig has been in close and constant relation throughout the war with the French general headquarters, where his appointment is received with immense satisfaction," says the Matin.

## PEACE

Between Organized and Independent Baseball Interests Declares Dreyfuss.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Barney Dreyfuss, owner of the American Pittsburgh Nationals, returned today from his conference with the American league magnates at Chicago and declared that there will not only be peace between organized and independent baseball, but that it will be the "best kind of peace."

Dreyfuss was in a jovial mood when he reached the hotel where the National League magnates are holding their meeting. He said:

"I went, I saw, I conquered. In other words I accomplished everything I attempted toward peace. The best kind of peace is coming."

## STRIKERS

Return to Work and Great Quantities of Merchandise Are Moving in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—With the settlement of the strike of 600 employees of the Belt railway of Chicago, merchandise valued at millions of dollars, which had been tied up since the strike was called last Tuesday, was released today when the strikers returned to work.

More than 15,000 loaded freight cars had clogged the huge switch and trans-fer of the settlement, which was effected last night, the men will be provided with eight trains daily for their transportation to and from work, instead of every hour as had been the practice.

## HEAVY RISE

Of the Kentucky River Results from Rains the Last Day and a Half.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 17.—A thirty-foot rise in the Kentucky river at Jackson, following heavy rains which have been continuous for the last thirty-six hours, was reported in a message received here today.

The message said that all mountain streams were at flood tide and were rising rapidly, and that further rains would endanger many small villages.

## TWO EXECUTIONS.

OSSINING, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Worthy Tooley, of Athens, N. Y., and Ludwig Marquardt, of Kingston, N. Y., murderers, were put to death by electricity at Sing Sing prison today. Tooley murdered John Hallenbeck at Athens last year. Marquardt killed Mrs. Nellie Pauls, of Kingston.

## STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Italian steamer Porto Said, of 5,167 tons gross, has been sunk, it is announced here.

## NEWS EVENTS OF BRIDGEPORT

Correspondent Compiles Items of Interest about Folk of That Community.

BRIDGEPORT, Dec. 17.—"Tired of Missions," a missionary pageant which was given by the members of the Young Woman's Missionary Circle of the First Baptist church, of Clarksburg, in the Bridgeport Baptist church Thursday evening, was enjoyed by a large audience. The entire program proved interesting and instructive. Following is a synopsis of the pageant:

Scene I—Meeting of the Young Woman's Missionary Society.

Scene II—Miss Ward's room in the school at Tokio.

Scene III—Dr. Leonard's office in Peking hospital.

Scene IV—Dr. Leonard's office.

Scene V—A room in a missionary home in a mission compound in India.

Those taking part in the pageant were Mrs. J. D. Hill, Mrs. Louis Milan and Misses Esther Taylor, Edna White, Virginia Wood, Beulah Holtz, Eliza Cunningham, Alice McDonald, Clarissa Maxwell, Ruby Roberts, Bonnie Boyles, Frankie Pearey, Jimmie Lee, Agnes Harbert, Jesse Roberts, Edna Johnson, Lucile Pritchard and Ann Larent.

Other numbers on the evening's program were a recitation, "The Missionary Box," by Pauline Hill; a recitation, "The Queen's Gift," by Miss Esther Taylor; a recitation, "Letter to Santa," by Pauline Hill; a reading, "Beck's Confession," by Mrs. J. D. Hill; a paper, "Life of Judson," by Miss Wilma Chorpene; and a paper by Miss Esther Cornwall.

The program was in charge of Mrs. A. B. Withers, president of the Woman's Mission Circle of the Bridgeport Baptist church, and the Rev. Robert Bragg, pastor of the church, assisted in the devotionals.

## KERSCHNER IS TOURING STATE

In the Interests of National Prohibition for State Committee.

Howard E. Kerschner, of Kansas, member of the flying squadron of New England, and of national reputation, has been engaged by the Prohibition state executive committee for a month's work in West Virginia. This will be a rare opportunity for the people in the towns that he visits to hear a man of ability, who has been at the front in recent years of the great movement for national prohibition. He is at work in the interest of the Five Million Club movement, an aid to the state executive committee in gathering funds to place the new monthly paper, "National Prohibition," in 10,000 homes of the people of this state and to keep workers in the field to secure nationwide prohibition.

Mr. Kerschner started his work at Martinsburg and from there went to Berkeley Springs. Friday he was at Bayard. Saturday and Sunday he will be at Parsons. Other engagements will be filled by him as follows: Elkins, December 20; Belington, December 21; Philippi, December 22; Buckhannon, December 23; Weston, December 24; Jane Lew, December 25; and Lumberport, December 26.

## HEAVY RAINS

Following Sleet and Snow Bring Small Streams in Ohio Valley to Flood Tide.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Heavy rains last night and today succeeded the sleet and snow which fell yesterday throughout this section of Ohio valley with the result that almost every small stream within a radius of fifty miles from here is at flood tide. Reports from central Kentucky likewise indicate that the rain has been heavy and that streams are in danger of breaking out of their banks if the rains continue.

## FIRE

Destroys Two Houses on United States Senator Goff's Oilville Farm.

United States Senator Nathan Goff's local representatives have been notified of the destruction of two dwelling houses on his Oilville farm west of Wolf Summit at 3:30 o'clock Thursday morning. One of the houses was the old Perry Lynch residence, a house built more than sixty years ago and occupied by William Lynch and family, who barely escaped. The other was a house occupied by oil field workers. Both stood close together. Natural gas in one of the rooms is said to have been the origin of the fire. The loss is between \$3,000 and \$4,000 fully insured.

## NEW THEATER OF WAR OPERATIONS ON A VERY GRAND SCALE IS NEXT

BISHOP'S DAUGHTER TO WED BOY-ED?



Miss Virginia Mackay-Smith and Captain Boy-Ed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A rumor that has gained wide circulation in Washington makes Miss Virginia Mackay-Smith, daughter of the late Bishop Alexander Mackay-Smith, former rector of St. John's Episcopal church of this city, the fiancée of Captain Boy-Ed, the German naval attaché who has been recalled by the kaiser at the request of the American government.

Miss Mackay-Smith will neither deny nor affirm the rumor, but her mother declares it to be without foundation.

Captain Boy-Ed, while attached to the German embassy, was a habitual attendant at most of the diplomatic social affairs of the city and most frequently was seen in the company of Miss Mackay-Smith and her younger sister, Miss Gladys. The Mackay-Smiths spent last summer at Seal Harbor, Me., and there Captain Boy-Ed was seen frequently escorting the elder daughter.

There are not a few members of the social set, including Captain Boy-Ed and Miss Mackay-Smith, who regard their rumored attachment as evidence of the innocence of the naval attaché of the charges upon which President Wilson demanded his recall. They contended that, as the fiancée of an American girl, Captain Boy-Ed would have been particularly scrupulous not to offend the government of the United States.

If Captain Boy-Ed and Miss Mackay-Smith are really engaged it is evident that the wedding does not impend. The safe conduct asked by the state department of the Allies named only Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen, thus making no provision for a prospective bride in the party.

## HEAVY VOTING NOW IN MOVIE CONTEST

Eleven Girls Besides Ruth Will Appear in Made in Clarksburg Picture.

Many surprises are being sprung in the last few days of the "Who Will Be Ruth" contest for the honor of being the leading lady in the photoplay to be produced in Clarksburg and shown for three days at the Robinson Grand theater.

When the votes were counted Thursday evening, it was found that Mrs. G. N. Wine was in the lead with 375 votes. Mrs. C. E. Brown was second and Mrs. Florence Gaspell third.

The standing of all contestants today is as follows:

Mrs. G. N. Wine	375
Mrs. C. E. Brown	366
Mrs. Florence Gaspell	308
Miss Goldie Wilkins	307
Miss Catherine Caville	300
Miss Margaret Healey	278
Miss Mary Osborne	266
Miss Nell McLeod	256
Miss Jewel Miller	216
Miss Minnie Largent	206
Miss Otta Yates	200
Miss Exile Mae Frame	182
Miss Marie McKown	178
Miss Dorothy Dickson	172
Miss Reba Cohen	156
Miss Anne Martin	142
Miss Helen Sims	133
Miss Velma Jones	130
Miss Hazel Gardiner	126
Miss Margaret Wilk	122
Miss Zima Wery	120
Miss Ruth Henderson	118
Miss Lena Ora Smith	115
Miss Emma Millestead	102
Miss Trenna Mann	102
Mrs. J. O. Willis	101
Miss Stata Williams	101
Miss Aladine Bassel	100
Miss Marcel Nesselrotte	100
Miss Susie Darquenne	100

There are only four more days and the contest will end and Ruth and her eleven supporting girls will be named. Make every minute count and get

## POSTMASTER IS PRISONER HERE

Is Accused of Wrongfully Converting Money Orders to His Own Use.

Jacob Zumbach, until lately postmaster at Helvetia, Upshur county, is a prisoner in the county jail here awaiting further proceedings in a case against him in United States district court in which he is accused of converting money order forms to his own use. He was arrested at the instance of Charles M. Nensch, a post-office inspector, who alleged that Zumbach obtained something like \$3,000 by wrongful use of money order forms and put the money into his private business, a general store in which the postoffice is situated.

The defendant had a preliminary hearing before Samuel R. Harrison, Jr., United States court commissioner, in this city and was held for the action of the federal grand jury January 11 at Parkersburg under bond of \$4,000. He has so far failed to furnish the bond.

## WOMAN'S DAY.

Woman's Day will be observed Sunday at the colored Trinity Methodist Episcopal church on Ben street, to which all friends are invited.

every coupon possible. Remember the big five-vote coupon which appears in the Sunday Telegram. Urge your friends to buy the Sunday Telegram and save the coupons for you.

Italians in Struggle Are Already Safely Ashore at Several Points.

## STILL STUBBORN FIGHTING

Italy is to Help Reorganize the Serbian Army Assembling in Albania Now.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—With affairs in Greece assuming a quieter character there has been a partial deflection of interest in European capitals to the Italian plan regarding Albania. The general belief seems to be that the operations in this new theater of war will be on a grand scale. The Italians in strength are already safely ashore at Avlona as well as at certain new points of strategic importance.

For years Avlona has been regarded by Italy and Austria alike as the key to the Adriatic and it is a maxim in south central Europe that whoever commands Avlona commands the Adriatic. Avlona has been for several months occupied by a light force of Italians for police purposes.

The anxiety with which Italy watches the Albanian coast is due to the existence there of good harbors in contrast with the total absence of such harbors along the Adriatic shore.

Italy is expected to contribute greatly to the reorganization of the Serbian army, which is now concentrating in Albania where its ranks are being re-formed and supplies landed by the allies in the last fortnight distributed.

Stubborn fighting continues between the Serbians and Bulgarians along the Drina river in Albania.

## MISS THOMPSON DEAD

Well Known Resident of the West End Dies after Lingering Illness.

Mrs. Margaret C. Thompson, aged 74 years, died at 12:30 o'clock Friday morning after an illness of diabetes at her home at 669 West Pike street. The body was prepared for burial and will be taken to Philadelphia where the funeral services and burial will be held. The funeral party will leave here at 10:01 o'clock Friday night on Baltimore and Ohio passenger train No. 4.

Surviving relatives of the deceased woman are Mrs. Sarah F. Miller, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Amelia Morris, of this city, daughters.

## OIL GOES UP

Another Advance of Five Cents on the Barrel in Price is Announced.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17.—Failure of oil producers to market the oil they have above ground in the face of repeated advances during the last three months compelled purchasing agencies to announce a further advance in prices today, five cents a barrel being added to all grades except Ragland, which commanded an increase of two cents. The new prices are Pennsylvania, \$2.15; Cabell, \$1.70; Mercer Black, New Castle and Corning, \$1.65; Somerset, \$1.55; Ragland, seventy-two cents.

Immense quantities of crude oil are held in storage in the West Virginia and western Pennsylvania field, but very little of it is finding its way to the refineries who openly declare they are short of oil.

## UGLY CHARGE

Is Preferred against the American Ambassador to Spain by Virginia Auditor.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 17.—Joseph E. Willard, American ambassador to Spain, is charged in a report filed with the state auditor of accounts by the examiner of records of Prince William county, with having omitted intangible property valued at \$1,733,000 from his tax returns. Mr. Willard's counsel claims offsets in loans made to finance the Richmond and Rappahannock railway. The matter will be brought up before the circuit court.

## TICKET NAMED

For January Election by Citizens' Party of Northview.

At a mass convention held Thursday night in the town hall at Northview, the Citizens' party, of that place, nominated the following ticket for the January election there:

For mayor—A. L. Matthews.

For recorder—Samuel Litter.

For councilmen—H. L. Radcliffe, H. P. Wicks, W. W. Wilfong, W. W. Edgar and Herbert E. Walters.